[Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai.]

A batch of 6 students on a stipend of Rs. 5 each per mensem is being trained every year in handicrafts such as Durrie and carpet weaving, Rattan and Basket-making and Embroidery and Lacquer works.

Grants are being given to private industrial schools to encourage the development of industries in the rural areas. 61 schools have been given such grants.

Loans are being granted to industrial concerns engaged in soap-making, weaving, coir-weaving, rice hulling, etc. 127 industrial concerns have been granted loans.

Annual grants are being given to the Y. M. C A., Marthandam, which is maintaining a demonstration centre.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know from the member the annual grant given to the Y. M. C. A. at Marthandam.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) Rs 3,000 Sir.

Rural Reconstruction.

206. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the various items of work that they have taken up for the purpose of rural reconstruction in the State;

(*b*) whether they include public works as part of the work; and

(*c*) if so, the kinds of public works which they have undertaken in that behalf?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) Training of students in the rural areas in weaving by the Itinerant Weaving Parties of the Industries Department.

Training of students on stipends in handicrafts such as Durrie and Carpet weaving, Rattan and Basket making and Embroidery and Lacquer works.

Helping the spread of industrial education by giving grants to the industrial schools conducted by private agencies.

Aiding the private industrial concerns by giving grants.

Giving grants to private institutions which carry on rural reconstruction.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*b*).

Legislative Chamber.

207. ***SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA** (*Nominated*): Will th Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the foundation stone of the New Legislative Chamber was laid; and

(*b*) how far the work has progressed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) On 12-12-1933.

(*b*) The general plans of the Chamber have been prepared.

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